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ND Medicaid advisory committee to meet Sept. 14

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. CT by video conference to discuss various key strategies and initiatives of the North Dakota Medicaid program. The meeting is open to the public, and Medicaid members are encouraged to attend.

The agenda includes updates on the new Medicaid Expansion managed care organization contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, and the state's request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to lower the World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule (WHODAS) eligibility score for the Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment.

There will be additional updates on the integration efforts of the state's Department of Health and Department of Human Services and electronic visit verification system.

Discussion is scheduled on the Children with Disabilities Medicaid coverage, also known as the Buy-in Program, changes to the Institutions for Mental Diseases and timely filing policies and possible temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for certain Medicaid home and community-based services.

There will also be a presentation on the <u>Early and Periodic Screening</u>, <u>Diagnosis</u>, <u>and Treatment program</u>. Other business will be discussed.

A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/mmac.html.

Interested individuals can join the meeting online through Microsoft Teams or by conference call at 701-328-0950, conference ID 832 759 933#. Details are in the <u>public meeting notice</u>.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations, including appropriate auxiliary aids to participate, can contact Stacey Koehly at 701-328-4807, toll-free 800-755-2604, 711 (TTY) or skoehly@nd.gov.

The Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee provides input on key initiatives, policies and administration of North Dakota Medicaid, which is the state and federally-funded health program that serves qualifying pregnant women, children, people with disabilities and other individuals.

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